

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 11 are amended. No new matter is added by these amendments. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-8 and 11-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,965,440 to Nakagiri et al. (hereinafter "Nakagiri"). Additionally, the Office Action rejects claims 9, 10, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakagiri in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0184805 to Kurokawa et al. (hereinafter "Kurokawa"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

The Office Action asserts that Nakagiri teaches all of the features recited in independent claims 1 and 11. However, Nakagiri does not teach an image processing apparatus including at least "a job connection component that sets connection information for connecting plural jobs and a print setting condition of a connected job when the jobs stored in the memory are selected and generation of the connected job is instructed, wherein the connection information does not comprise real image data but relates to processing of the image data that have been stored; [and] a display component that displays the connection information without generating real image data of the connected job," as recited in amended claim 1 and similarly in amended claim 11.

Nakagiri, in col. 21, lines 37-41, and Figs. 21 and 22, teaches displaying the target job list in step S2104 after the rendering process for the connected job has been carried out at step S2102. Thus, Nakagiri teaches displaying the connected job list (*i.e.*, real image generation) after the rendering process of the connected job. However, Nakagiri does not teach displaying the image without generating the real image data of the connected jobs. Therefore, Nakagiri does not teach or suggest, "a display component that displays the connection

information without generating real image data of the connected job," as recited in amended claim 1 and similarly in amended claim 11.

Kurokawa fails to disclose or suggest the above features, and therefore, fails to make up for the above-noted deficiencies of Nakagiri.

For at least the reasons above, Nakagiri cannot reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested, the combinations of all of the features recited in at least independent claims 1 and 11. Further, claims 2-10 and 12-20 would also not have been suggested by the applied references for at least the respective dependence of these claims on allowable claims 1 and 11, respectively, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recite.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and §103(a) are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-20 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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